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SUBJECT: KOREANS IN SAIGON

REF: SEOUL 3297 (NOTAL)

1. ROK POLITICAL COUNSELOR YU INFORMED DEPARTMENT MAY 9
THAT PRESIDENT PARK HAS MADE PERSONAL REQUEST GOF DO ALL IT
CAN ON BEHALF OF KOREANS REMAINING IN SAIGON.

2. ACCORDING TO YU PARK SPECIFICALLY ASKED THAT THE EIGHT
MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY STAFF BE GIVEN REFUGE AT FRENCH
EMBASSY. (ONE OF THE ORIGINAL NINE STAFF MEMBERS HAS
ESCAPED TO SINGAPORE.)

3. YU REITERATED THAT ROKG IS STILL ATTEMPTING TO KEEP
PRESENCE OF EIGHT DIPLOMATS IN SAIGON UNDER STRICT SECRECY
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BECAUSE OF CONCERN THEY MAY BE MISTREATED BY PRG OR HANDED

OVER TO NORTH KOREA AS RESULT OF ROK "BELLIGERENCY" IN VIET-NAM CONFLICT.

4. FOR PARIS: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INDICATION OF GOF RE-ACTION TO PRESIDENT PARK'S APPEAL. IF EMBASSY BELIEVES IT USEFUL, IT SHOULD AGAIN EXPRESS OUR HOPE GOF WILL ASSIST ROK EMBASSY PERSONNEL. KISSINGER

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